ALL ABOARD

With G. E. Mortimore

Atomic-powered ships that skim across the Atlantic at more than 100 miles an hour may soon be built.

Preliminary tests seem to show that it can be done. Now the United States has commissioned Grumman Aircraft to build an 80-knot, 100-passenger experimental ship driven by gas turbines.

Its hull will rise clear of the water and ride above the waves on stilts and underwater wings, or hydrofoils.

They'll test it on the oceans of the world in 1961, and if it works, hydrofoil ships may soon be crossing the Atlantic in a day.

Popular Science magazine carries a fearsome-looking color plate of one of the new ships on stilts, racing over the sea.

Now Anything's Possible

Only a few years ago, a person could dismiss such dreams with a tolerant snicker. Now that truth is running such a close race with science fiction, we can believe anything on earth.

To a generation that has seen a rocket circling the sun, a mere ship travelling at 100 knots places no strain at all on belief.

If it works, then what? Maybe, a ticket from Halifax to London for $50. A weekend in Jamaica, Honolulu or Ceylon, for any tired stenographer.

It is an exciting prospect. Cheaper ocean travel may do a lot to make people of the world better acquainted with one another.

Like other devices to shrink the size of the globe, it is worth much praise.

Human Barriers Remain

However, science has not yet invented a way to abolish armed guards and customs officers.

The greatest advance in human affairs will come when we break through the stupidity barrier.

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Meanwhile, however, the hydrofoil ship may eventually be the answer to Victoria's ferry problem.

A deluded Vancouver reporter wrote recently that Victoria people can go to Vancouver by air in 20 minutes. He forgot to mention that it takes over an hour of bus travel and hanging around at each end. An air trip from Victoria to Vancouver takes more like 2½ or three hours.

The hydrofoil ship might whisk us from Victoria harbor to Vancouver in an hour. Then who would bother going the long way round, by airplane?

JOHN BARRYMORE, JR. ... gets into trouble

EDITH PIAF ... getting better

ROBERT KENNEDY ... got offers

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Names in the News

Beautiful Bandit Just Won't Talk

LAS VEGAS—**Ida Belle Ingram,** 19-year-old blonde beauty charged with bank robbery, refused to say a word to police and the FBI last night.

Police said the former bank teller claimed she had a gun when she demanded $8,000 and got $1,761 in the holdup. Her beauty made it easy for police to trace her from the bank to a cab to a bus depot and finally to the arrest, made in a bus in the middle of the Nevada desert.

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BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Actor **John Barrymore, Jr.,** was charged yesterday with hit-and-run and drunk driving. Police said his car ran into the rear of another car, backed off and sped away.

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NEW YORK—French chanteuse **Edith Piaf,** 43, is reported "getting better" after an ulcer operation.

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WASHINGTON — **Robert Kennedy,** chief counsel of the Senate rackets committee, says offers of political help for his brother, **Sen. John Kennedy,** have been made to him if he (Robert) "lays off" some people summoned in its union probe.

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VANCOUVER — **Highways Minister P. A. Gaglardi** will open a show of hot rods, dragsters, custom jobs and souped-up 'cycles at the Pacific National Exhibition March 16.

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OTTAWA — **Agriculture Minister Douglas Harkness,** a former teacher, has banned use of the ungrammatical word "finalize" by his department. Henceforth, work will be completed, jobs concluded and undertakings finished.

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ROME—The Italian Senate last night gave **Premier Antonio Segni's** government a vote of confidence, completing parliamentary approval of the new centre-right regime. Vote was 143 to 97.

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SHERMAN OAKS, Calif.—Long-time partner **Bud Abbott** was a pallbearer at the funeral of fat, funny **Lou Costello** yesterday. Honorary pallbearers included comedians **Joe E. Brown, Red Skelton, George Jessel, Jerry Colonna** and **Danny Thomas.**

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SHERMAN OAKS, Calif.—**Robert Eschbach,** 26, arrested on suspicion of holding up a supermarket, denied knowing anything about the stickup.

"I'm strictly a burglar," he protested.

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VANCOUVER — **President Andy Paull** of the North American Indian Brotherhood has asked **Citizenship Minister Fairclough** to obtain a federal cabinet order allowing Indians to buy packaged liquor in B.C. liquor stores.

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LEIPZIG — **Soviet Premier Khrushchev** said yesterday Russia will resume buying Western machine tools once on the West's embargo list. Deals are with Switzerland, Britain and West Germany.

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TORONTO—**Rev. E. R. McLean,** leader of religious education councils in B.C. and Ontario since 1918, was honored by Christian education workers across Canada at a dinner last night. Dr. McLean, 72, founded the B.C. Older Boys' Parliament in Victoria in 1923.

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VANCOUVER — **John Werbowesky,** 45, unsuccessful claimant for traffic injury damages, was termed "a most dishonest man" by B.C. Supreme Court **Justice Harry Sullivan.** Werbowesky wanted more than $1,600 damages for a two-vehicle collision, but the judge called it "an extortionate claim for personal injuries never sustained."

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VANCOUVER — Ontario's ban on further fluoridation of community water supplies is the work of a "rabid anti-fluoridationist in high office," says **Dr. Ross Upton,** executive secretary of the B.C. Dental Association. He said the ban was the result of personal opposition to fluoridation by Ontario **Health Minister Matthew Dymond.**

West Must Be Braced For Red Space Men

AKRON, Ohio (UPI)—A University of Maryland physicist predicted yesterday that Russia will probably send a manned satellite into space this summer, beating the United States to the achievement.

Dr. Fred Singer said he expects the satellite to carry a crew of two. He said the United States must begin immediately to prepare its people and the world for the psychological impact of the feat.

Singer warned that the accomplishment may make the Russians over-confident of their military might and convince them "conditions are ripe for a war."

The Maryland professor voiced doubt that the man-carrying satellite would have any great military significance.

"It is of vital importance for us to gauge right now the impact that a Russian manned satellite would have on the world," Singer said, "and to make sure right now, before it happens, that this impact will not be misused by them."

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Soviet Feat May Come This Year

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In anticipating the Russians will send the men into space during the middle of this year, he commented:

"There is the tremendous danger that the Russian manned satellites will be represented to the people as a great military achievement; that the man-in-orbit will be represented as the master of the world. He may occasionally spot a plane taking off, and this will be blown up to indicate that nothing escapes his view. A psychology of deep military inferiority may be impressed on the United States. This would be bad enough, but if in addition the Russians believe their own propaganda and acquire a feeling of tremendous military superiority, then conditions are ripe for war."

Singer suggested immediate counter-propaganda measures by the government.

"It is to all our interest," he said, "to inform the world and especially the U.S. public that a manned satellite is inevitable, that the Russians are likely to be first, but that it has hardly any military significance. I'm not suggesting that we 'shoot the man down' but I am suggesting that we make it quite clear to everyone that we can eliminate him any time we desire."

The scientist said that manned satellites would be extremely vulnerable to attack by nuclear rockets and that their main military advantages would be for reconnaissance purposes.

Florida Plan For Land In Okanagan

KELOWNA (CP)—A land development plan involving close to $4,000,000 is being completed in a playground section of the Okanagan Valley.

A group of businessmen from western Canada and the Pacific Northwest of the United States are reported to be behind a deal whereby 2,500 acres of property on Okanagan Lake would be subdivided and sold on a basis used successfully by Florida real estate salesmen.

The group has bought 2,500-acre Fintry ranch 23 miles north of here.

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Five Took Welfare Benefits While Working, Court Told

Five Hungarians pleaded guilty in court yesterday to 23 charges of false pretenses in obtaining $1,270 from the city welfare department.

Charged are George Farsang, 619 Queens; Forence Janics, 910 Market; Gyula Balogh, 508 Pendray; Michaly Boras, 1106 Fort; and Gyula Borbas, 1106 Fort.

Acting-Magistrate William Ostler remanded the cases to Thursday for probation reports before sentencing.

William Hooson, city welfare administrator, said the offences took place in the last six months. During that time the five earned more than $1,826 although to get the city money they declared they had not worked, he said.

All had been on social assistance since last summer. They came to Canada during the summer of 1957, said Mr. Hooson.

"I took the money to travel and look for work, not to take it to a beer parlor," commented Janics through interpreter Joe Heimbach.

Monday's Events

Annual meeting of the **Queen Alexandra Solarium Society,** 2.30 p.m., Empress Hotel . . . W. A. Halliwell of Toronto will speak on "Why the race to the moon?" at a meeting of the **British-Israel World Federation,** 3 p.m. YWCA . . . Annual business meeting of the **Victoria Gyro,** 5.30 p.m., Mahogany room of the Strathcona Hotel.

Dancer Wins Praise

DUNCAN — Six-year-old Cheryl Crothers of Mill Bay won praise for her tap dancing yesterday at the first session of the 10th annual Cowichan Music Festival.

Youngsters from school districts 65, 66 and 67 are entered in the seven-day festival. Adjudicator is Mrs. Betty Farally, Penticton.

Other results for the morning session:

Square dance, intermediate grade, Alexander school, 85. Scuare dance, one-room rural schools, Hamberton school, 80. Ballet, solo, under 10, Donna Pitt, Duncan, 82; Elizabeth March, Mill Bay, 80; Jo-Anne Kier, Duncan, 79, and Cheryl Crothers, Mill Bay, 75.

Group dancing under nine: Ladysmith School of Dancing, 79; Duncan Studio of Dancing, 78. Ballet solo, under 12: Linda Butler, Ladysmith, and Irene King, Duncan, 83 (tied).

Group dancing, 12 years and under: Duncan Studio of Dancing, 84; Ladysmith School of Dancing, 78.

Afternoon results: Folk dancing, primary grades, 1, 2, 3: Lake Cowichan, Grade 3, 82 marks; St. Ann's school, Duncan, 80. National solo (other than British Isles), 12 to 18 years: Janet Davis, Ladysmith, 87. Janet was highest by seven marks over five other entrants. National solo, under 12: Kathryn Carey, Ladysmith, 82, and Shirley Potts, Duncan, 80.

Folk dancing, intermediate grades 4, 5 6: St. Ann's school, Duncan, 81, in number "Seven Jumps"; St. Ann's school, group B, 80, and group A, 79, in a Ribbon Dance. Ballet solo, under 14: Janet Davis, Ladysmith, 75, and Anita Hall, Ladysmith, 74.

Pas de deux, under 12 years: Janet Seizer, and Cheryl Crothers, Duncan, 85; Wendy English and Jo-Anne Thornton, Duncan, 83; Donna Pitt and Jo-Anne Kier, Duncan, and Linda Butler and Tina Lambres, Ladysmith, 82 (tied). Kathryn Carey and Andrew Renwick, Ladysmith, 78, and Peggy Dabb and Jill Hulme, Ladysmith 77.

Ship Calendar

Survey Ships Here for Refit

Three federal government hydrographic survey ships are being refitted in local shipyards in preparation for the summer's work surveying and charting B.C. coastal waters.

The largest, William J. Stewart, is being converted from coal to oil at Yarrows shipyards. The 228-foot-long ship was the last coal burner on the B.C. coast of any size.

CG Marabell and Parry are being refitted at McKay-Cormack shipyards here. Marabell, 130 feet, is an ex-private yacht, ex-U.S. Navy sweeper. Parry is 90 feet.

All three survey vessels are due to leave port about the middle of April for their annual charting of coastal waters.

Canada's newest fighting ship will arrive at HMC Dockyard, Esquimalt, on Wednesday for ammunition and final work-ups before leaving for Atlantic Command.

HMCS Kootenay was commissioned at Burrard Drydock shipyards in North Vancouver yesterday afternoon. Defence Minister George Pearkes was principal guest at the ceremonies.

She will leave for Halifax on April 3.

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Merchant shipping in Island ports today includes the Yarrawonga and King Arthur, Crofton; California Star, Tahsis; Leone and Fred Christensen, Alberni.

UBC Group Returns

Off to Slow Start, Choir Still Thrills

By BERT BINNY

Appearing for the second successive season under the sponsorship of the All Saints' Women's Guild, the UBC Choral Society were heard in an interesting recital last night at Memorial Hall.

They were not as consistently fine as last year; in fact, it was the second half of the program before the shadow of 1958 became the substance of 1959. In "Almighty God of Our Fathers," Bach's "Let Heaven and Earth Adore Thee" and Beethoven's "Hallelujah," the choir left nothing to be desired.

Another thilling item was Gounod's "Ah Nella Calma," sung by soprano Naomi Bartindale. In addition, the duet of tenor Sven Sundquist and bass-baritone Ron Nelsen was very well received.

The program, under direction of Teo Repel, covered a wide field, including such numbers as excerpts from "My Fair Lady," an Irish lullaby, an extraordinary arrangement of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and Vaughan Williams' lovely "Linden Lea."

FIRST TALKIES

The first sound-on-films moving pictures were shown by Lee de Forest in the United States in 1923.

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Weather Forecast

March 8, 1959

Cloudy with a few showers. A few clear periods in the afternoon. A little cooler. Winds westerly 25 and gusty in the morning and decreasing to light in the evening. Monday outlook: rain in the morning. Saturday precipitation, .03 inch. Sunshine, 2 hours, 24 minutes.

Recorded Temperatures

High 49 Low 41

Forecast Temperatures

High 48 Low 42

Sunrise 6.43 Sunset 6.08

East Coast of Vancouver Island — Cloudy with a few showers. Sunny periods in the afternoon. A little cooler. Winds westerly 20 in the morning, decreasing to light in the evening. High and low at Nanaimo, 46 and 35. Monday outlook: rain in the morning.

West Coast of Vancouver Island — Gale warning for northern sector in effect. Cloudy with showers. Little change in temperature. Winds westerly 25 decreasing to southerly 20 in the evening in the northern half and to light in the southern half. High and low at Estevan, 47 and 38. Monday outlook: rain in the morning.

TEMPERATURES

	Min.	Max.	Precip.
St. John's	19	43	.58
Halifax	35	42	1.10
Montreal	13	31	.03
Ottawa	11	24	.07
Toronto	18	24	--
North Bay	1	24	--
Port Arthur	10	17	--
Kenora	7	25	.01
Winnipeg	18	26	Trace
The Pas	15	26	Trace
Regina	22	35	--
Saskatoon	16	36	--
N. Battleford	20	36	--
Swift Current	29	38	--
Medicine Hat	27	38	--
Lethbridge	32	41	--
Calgary	29	39	Trace
Edmonton	28	42	--
Kimberley	31	44	.05
Crescent Valley	32	48	.01
Kaslo	32	44	.03
Kamloops	34	51	.08
Penticton	37	52	--
Vancouver	41	48	.17
Prince Rupert	37	45	.02
Prince George	26	42	.01
Whitehorse	25	32	--
Seattle	42	50	.04
Portland	45	57	.04
San Francisco	46	72	--
Los Angeles	52	69	--
Spokane	33	49	.04
Chicago	19	38	.01
New York	35	40	--

TIDES AT VICTORIA
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
8	03.17	7.6	08.18	5.9	13.43	7.9	20.34	3.3
9	03.11	7.7	09.00	5.3	14.32	7.7	21.10	3.8
10	03.33	7.8	09.40	4.9	15.20	7.4	21.44	4.4
11	03.59	7.9	10.20	4.5	16.11	7.1	22.17	5.0
12	04.25	8.0	11.04	4.2	17.05	6.8	22.47	5.5
13	04.51	8.0	11.48	3.9	18.13	6.6	23.11	6.0
14	05.18	7.8	12.33	3.8	21.25	6.7	23.31	6.5
15	05.40	7.9	13.22	3.7				
16	03.19	8.7	08.16	9.8	15.48	4.4		
17	00.09	9.6	04.40	9.0	08.52	9.7	16.43	4.4
18	06.53	7.7	16.20	3.4				
19	08.06	7.7	17.16	3.2				
20	03.33	7.4	06.06	7.2	09.57	7.6	18.05	3.1

TIDES AT FULFORD HARBOUR
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
8	05.02	10.8	10.40	6.9	16.05	9.7	22.25	4.1
9	05.26	10.7	11.14	6.3	17.00	9.7	23.02	4.7
10	05.48	10.6	11.48	5.7	17.52	9.6	23.40	5.4
11	06.08	10.[illegible]	12.23	5.2	18.44	9.6		
12	00.15	6.1	06.30	10.4	12.58	4.8	19.36	9.5
13	00.54	6.8	06.53	10.3	13.36	4.6	20.31	9.5
14	01.33	7.5	07.16	10.2	14.14	4.5	21.35	9.4
15	02.20	8.1	07.45	10.0	14.58	4.4	22.47	9.5
16	06.01	7.9	14.16	3.6				
17	06.24	7.8	15.16	3.5				
18	01.20	9.9	08.16	9.0	09.42	9.5	17.42	4.3
19	02.06	10.1	07.25	8.8	10.56	9.4	18.38	4.1
20	02.43	10.3	08.10	8.4	12.16	9.4	19.33	4.0

April 16, 17 and 18

Exhibit Space Sold For Big Boat Show

Victoria's first boat and marine show, to be held on April 16, 17 and 18 in the Curling Rink, will have some 70 boats among the exhibits.

All space for exhibits has been sold. And booth space that was until recently available for small exhibitors has been snapped up. The show is sponsored by the Vic-Van Isle Kinsmen Club.

Charles Hewitt, chairman of the organizing committee, said: "We could have sold twice as much space."

He added: "Victoria sure could use one of those auditoriums everyone keeps talking about. We need something much bigger than the Curling Rink."

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